

CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

- 1 1.(withdrawn) An evacuation system comprising:
 - 2 means for determining a safe direction of evacuation from a premises
 - 3 depending on a location of a threat or other condition; and
 - 4 means for indicating to individuals the direction of evacuation.
- 1 2.(withdrawn) The evacuation system of claim 1 further comprising:
 - 2 means for notifying other parties external to the premises of the evacuation.
- 1 3.(withdrawn) The evacuation system of claim 1 wherein the means for
 - 2 determining a safe direction of evacuation comprises:
 - 3 one or more sensors to indicate a threat, its type and its location.
- 1 4.(withdrawn) The evacuation system of claim 3 wherein the sensors comprises
 - 2 one or more individuals who observe the threat.
- 1 5.(withdrawn) The evacuation system of claim 3 wherein the one or more sensors
 - 2 includes one or more devices taken from a group of fire and smoke detectors, gas
 - 3 detectors and radioactive detectors.

1 6.(withdrawn) The evacuation system of claim 1 wherein the means for indicating
2 the direction of evacuation comprises audio indicators.

1 7.(withdrawn) The evacuation system of claim 1 wherein the means for indicating
2 the direction of evacuation comprises visual indicators.

1 8.(withdrawn) The evacuation system of claim 1 wherein the means for indicating
2 the direction of evacuation comprises both audio and visual indicators.

1 9.(withdrawn) The evacuation system of claim 6 wherein the audio indicators
2 include at least one from a group of indicators comprising a public address system and
3 alarm.

1 10.(withdrawn) The evacuation system of claim 7 wherein one or more visual
2 indicators comprises visual indicators from the group comprising persons and lights.

1 11.(withdrawn) The evacuation system of claim 8 wherein:
2 the audio indicators include at least one from a group of indicators
3 comprising a public address system and alarm; and
4 one or more visual indicators comprises visual indicators from the group
5 comprising persons and lights.

1 12.(withdrawn) The evacuation system of claim 10 wherein the lights comprise a
2 combination of a red and green lights wherein red indicates wrong direction of evacuation
3 and green indicates correct direction of evacuation.

1 13.(withdrawn) The evacuation system of claim 9 wherein the audio device
2 submits a coded alarm to indicate the direction of evacuation.

1 14.(withdrawn) The evacuation system of claim 9 wherein the audio device
2 submits a vocal alarm to indicate direction of evacuation.

1 15.(canceled) The evacuation system of claim 13 wherein the coded alarm
2 comprises:
3 one beep to indicate evacuation through one of the predetermined exit site
4 or to the North;
5 two beeps to indicate evacuation through one of the predetermined exit site
6 or to the East;
7 three beeps to indicate evacuation through one of the predetermined exit
8 site or to the South;
9 four beeps to indicate evacuation through one of the predetermined exit site
10 or to the West; and
11 a steady beep to indicate to seek shelter inside premises.

1 **16.(canceled)** The evacuation system of claim **13** wherein the coded alarm
2 comprises a fading sound to indicate correct direction for evacuation.

1 **17.(withdrawn)** The evacuation system of claim **2** wherein the means for
2 notifying other parties comprises a telephone interface having automatic dialing capability
3 having a predetermined plurality of numbers and playback recorded messages.

1 **18.(withdrawn)** The evacuation system of claim **2** further includes at least one
2 from a group consisting of a personal computer, e-mail, pagers, cellular phones, satellite
3 and internet technology.

1 **19.(canceled)** The evacuation system of claim **1** wherein the means for
2 determining a safe direction includes an on-site weather station capable of providing at
3 least wind speed and wind direction.

1 **20.(withdrawn)** The evacuation system of claim **1** wherein a plurality of
2 evacuation systems are linked together to provide for protection over a plurality of
3 premises and an area.

1 21 (withdrawn) The evacuation system of claim 20 wherein:

2 the linked evacuation systems use latitude and longitude coordinates;

3 each coordinate comprises a location of a connected node; and

4 the latitude and longitude coordinates are used to determine evacuation

5 direction for that location.

1 22.(withdrawn) A method of evacuating premises comprising the steps of:

2 a. ascertaining a safe direction of evacuation depending on a threat location,

3 weather or other conditions; and

4 b. directing evacuation using audio and visual means.

1 23.(withdrawn) The method claimed in claim 22 further comprising the step prior

2 to step b of:

3 using a web interface to initiate the evacuation.

24.(new) An evacuation system comprising:

 means for determining a safe direction of evacuation from a premises

depending on a location of a threat or other condition; and

 means for indicating to individuals the direction of evacuation comprising

audio indicators including at least one from a group of indicators comprising a public

address system and alarm wherein the audio device emits a coded alarm comprising:

one beep to indicate evacuation through one of the predetermined exit site or to the North;

two beeps to indicate evacuation through one of the predetermined exit site or to the East;

three beeps to indicate evacuation through one of the predetermined exit site or to the South;

four beeps to indicate evacuation through one of the predetermined exit site or to the West; and

a steady beep to indicate to seek shelter inside premises.

25.(new) An evacuation system comprising:

means for determining a safe direction of evacuation from a premises depending on a location of a threat or other condition; and

means for indicating to individuals the direction of evacuation comprising audio indicators including at least one from a group of indicators comprising a public address system and alarm wherein the audio device emits a coded alarm comprising a fading sound to indicate correct direction for evacuation.

26.(new) An evacuation system comprising:

means for determining a safe direction of evacuation from a premises depending on a location of a threat or other condition; and

means for indicating to individuals the direction of evacuation, wherein the means for determining a safe direction of evacuation includes an on-site weather station capable of providing at least wind speed and wind direction.

27.(new) A method of evacuating premises comprising the steps of:

- a. ascertaining a safe direction of evacuation depending on a threat location, weather or other conditions;
- b. directing evacuation using audio and visual means, wherein said audio means comprises one from a group of indicators comprising a public address system and alarm that emits a coded alarm to indicate the direction of evacuation wherein the code alarm comprises one from a group of alarms that includes a number of different beeps and a fading sound to indicate the correct direction for evacuation.

28.(new) The method claimed in claim 27 further comprising the step prior to step

b of:

using a web interface to initiate the evacuation.